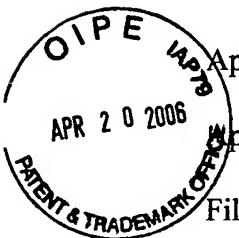


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2005 for four (4) months from November 28, 2005 to March 15, 2006. Applicant has previously submitted \$225 for a two (2) month extension of time. Applicant sincerely appreciates Examiner Choi's telephone call to correct Applicant's required extension of time, which amounts to the aforementioned four (4) months. Therefore, Applicant has herewith included the additional amount in order to bring this application in condition for examination.

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Enclosed herewith is a check in the sum of \$570, which represents the fee for extending the time to respond.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136a) for an extension of time for as many months as required to ensure that the above-referenced application does not become abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

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